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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 23, 2001

Mr. EVANS (for himself, Ms. BERKLEY, Mr. FILNER, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. FROST, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. WYNN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Justice for Atomic Vet-
5 erans Act of 2001”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF LIST OF DISEASES PRESUMED TO**
2 **BE SERVICE CONNECTED FOR RADIATION-EX-**
3 **POSED VETERANS.**

4 Section 1112(c)(2) of title 38, United States Code,
5 is amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
6 paragraphs:

7 “(Q) Lung cancer.

8 “(R) Bone cancer.

9 “(S) Skin cancer.

10 “(T) Colon cancer.

11 “(U) Posterior subcapsular cataracts.

12 “(V) Nonmalignant thyroid nodular disease.

13 “(W) Ovarian cancer.

14 “(X) Parathyroid adenoma.

15 “(Y) Tumors of the brain and central nervous
16 system.

17 “(Z) Rectal cancer.”.

18 **SEC. 3. EXPANSION OF SERVICE CIRCUMSTANCES DEEMED**
19 **TO BE RADIATION-RISK ACTIVITIES.**

20 Section 1112(c)(3)(B) of title 38, United States
21 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new
22 clauses:

23 “(iv) Service at Amchitka Island, Alaska,
24 involving the performance of duty related to the
25 Long Shot, Milrow or Cannikin underground
26 nuclear tests which were conducted on that is-

1 land during the period beginning October 23,
2 1965, and ending December 31, 1973.

3 “(v) Service at such other locations, during
4 such periods of time, as the Secretary deter-
5 mines by regulation to be service that is com-
6 parable as a radiation-risk activity to the serv-
7 ice specified in clauses (i) through (iv).”.

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